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# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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**ENERGY** 

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROVISION OF BASIC )
GENERATION SERVICE FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING)
JUNE 1, 2009 -- JCP&L TIERED RATE STRUCTURE )

ORDER EXTENDING FILING DEADLINE

**DOCKET No. ER08050310** 

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## BY THE BOARD:

At its June 8, 2009 meeting, the Board suspended a tiered rate structure pilot program for Jersey Central Power & Light Company ("JCP&L") that it had approved on January 20, 2009 as part of JCP&L's annual Basic Generation Service ("BGS") filing. The program sought to reduce peak demand by imposing surcharges on certain residential and commercial customers who exceeded pre-determined usage levels between June and September. In ordering the suspension, the Board cited several factors, including the program's potentially negative impact on small seasonal businesses and agriculture; the current state of the economy; and the lack of time that residential customers had to pursue alternatives to the surcharge. In its Order dated June 25, 2009 ("Order"), the Board directed JCP&L to file by July 15, 2009 "a revised tiered rate structure proposal for potential implementation by June 1, 2010."

Staff has been working closely with JCP&L to ensure that the unintended consequences noted in the Order are being addressed in the new filing. Several face-to-face meetings and telephone conferences have already been held. However, the process has taken longer than anticipated and, as a result, JCP&L was unable to meet the July 15, 2009 filing deadline.

On July 6, 2009, JCP&L filed a petition requesting an extension to August 14, 2009 for the reasons stated above. The Board is persuaded that additional time is necessary for the parties to identify and discuss all the issues prior to filing, and HEREBY GRANTS JCP&L's request for an extension as within time, and FURTHER ORDERS that the extension continue until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting which is currently August 19, 2009.

DATED: 7/31/09

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